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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 007560

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:MASS, ML

SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER BY MALI MOD

REFERENCES: (A) BAMAKO 0048; (B) DSAA LTR, I-13117/73,

DATED 23 NOV 73

DAKAR FOR DAO

1. DOD PRESENTLY WORKING WITH SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO GET A PRODUCTION LINE STARTED ON M-800 SERIES TRUCKS. DOUKARA INFORMED DURING VISIT TO U.S. THAT AVAILABILITY OF 23 MONTHS FOR 813A1 CARGO TRUCKS AND WRECKER CRANES DEPENDENT ON OPENING OF PRODUCTION LINE. AMERICAN MOTORS GENERAL HAS AGREED TO START PRODUCTION AS SOON AS GUARANTEES OBTAINED FOR ORDER OF AT LEAST 1500 TRUCKS. ESTIMATED PRICE OF M-813 TRUCK REMAINS SAME AS QUOTED TO  
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DOUKARA IN NOV (DOLS 28,516) AND FOR WRECKER TRUCK

(DOLS 53,026). SPECIFIC AVAILABILITY CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL PRODUCTION IS ACTUALLY BEGUN.

2. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE M-813, MALI MAY WANT TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF REBUILT 5-TON M-54 GASOLINE ENGINE TRUCKS WHICH WILL BECOME AVAILABLE DURING 1974. THESE TRUCKS COULD BE COMPLETELY REBUILT AND MADE AVAILABLE TO MALI AT AN ESTIMATED UNIT PRICE OF DOLLARS 8500. REQUEST YOU DETERMINE GOM INTEREST IN THIS ALTERNATIVE.

3. DOD WOULD PREFER SOME INDICATION FROM EMBASSY BAMAKO, BEFORE PRESENTING FORMAL LETTERS OF OFFER, THAT MALI INTENDS TO ACCEPT OFFER AND HAS ABILITY TO MAKE CASH PAYMENT FOR AMOUNT OVER AVAILABLE CREDIT.

4. REF (B) REQUESTED DATT ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING FMS CREDIT REPAYMENT BY GOM ON BILL NOW OVERDUE. GOM SHOULD UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE OF MAKING FMS CREDIT PAYMENTS WHEN DUE. DEBT ARREARAGES UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) CREDIT PROGRAM ARE SUBJECT TO CONTINUING REVIEW BY CONGRESS AND FAILURE TO PAY BILLS WHEN DUE NOT ONLY RESULTS IN INCREASED INTEREST COSTS BUT MAY ALSO JEOPARDIZE FUTURE FMS CREDIT ELIGIBILITY. REQUEST YOU DETERMINE, IF POSSIBLE, GOM INTENTIONS REGARDING BILL DUE PAYMENT ON 1 JANUARY 1974. RUSH

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